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## **Virginia Juvenile Justice Association**

*Celebrating 40 years of advocating for court-involved children and the professionals who touch their lives.*

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## ***DELEGATE MARSDEN PRESENTED ROBERT H. SUTTON HUMANITARIAN AWARD***

On November 2, 2006, while attending the 30<sup>th</sup> Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, the Honorable David W. Marsden, a Delegate with the Virginia General Assembly's 41<sup>st</sup> District, was presented with the Robert H. Sutton Humanitarian Award. The Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) established the Robert H. Sutton Humanitarian Award in 1988 to recognize outstanding career achievement in a professional who: embodies the true meaning of the term "humanitarian", has made significant contributions to the juvenile justice field and has made conscientious career and personal decisions for the betterment of other human beings.

VJJA President Beth Mohler Stinnett said, "Delegate Marsden has consistently worked to promote social reform and to advocate for court-involved children. He is most-deserving of this honor and the people of Fairfax are lucky to have him as their representative".

Background: Each year the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association recognizes professionals who have made extraordinary contributions in the juvenile justice field. Meritorious awards are presented in the areas of: Administration, Court Services, Residential Care and Community Service. Recipients are recognized before their peers at VJJA's Fall Juvenile Justice Training Institute, held annually in November.

About VJJA: Founded in 1966, the Virginia Juvenile Justice Association (VJJA) is an organization comprised of professionals representing court services, the judiciary, indigent defense, detention homes, juvenile correctional facilities, halfway houses, group homes, mental health, education, law enforcement, social work, and others with an interest in youth and family services. The organization is administered by an elected board of directors and is committed to child advocacy and advancing the professional interests and competencies of its members. State and local training events are held, with a statewide conference held annually in November. Learn more at [www.VJJA.org](http://www.VJJA.org).



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